

Friday, October 2, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4101, Agriculture Appropriations for FY 1999.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11305–S11399

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2541–2547 and S. Res. 284.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1419, to deem the activities of the Miccosukee Tribe on the Tamiami Indian Reserve to be consistent with the purposes of the Everglades National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–361)

S. 2358, to provide for the establishment of a service-connection for illnesses associated with service in the Persian Gulf War, to extend and enhance certain health care authorities relating to such service, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–362)

S. 1905, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–363)

S. 2217, to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–364)

H.R. 81, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the “Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse”.

H.R. 2225, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed on Las Vegas Boulevard between Bridger Avenue and Clark Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the “Lloyd D. George Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

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H.R. 4595, to redesignate a Federal building located in Washington, D.C., as the “Sidney R. Yates Federal Building”.

S. 2523, to designate the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the “J.J. ‘Jake’ Pickle Federal Building”.

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Measures Passed:

Dutch John Federal Property Disposition and Assistance Act: Senate passed S. 890, to dispose of certain Federal properties located in Dutch John, Utah, to assist the local government in the interim delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act: Senate passed S. 1398, to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Wyoming and Nebraska that receive water from Glenda Reservoir, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S11368, S11372

Arkansas Hydroelectric Project Extension: Senate passed S. 2171, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas.

Pages S11368, S11372–73

Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act: Senate passed H.R. 449, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County,

Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada, clearing the measure for the President.

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Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection Act: Senate passed H.R. 2886, A bill to provide for a demonstration project in the Stanislaus National Forest, California, under which a private contractor will perform multiple resource management activities for that unit of the National Forest System, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

Pages S11368, S11373

Rogue River National Forest Conveyance: Senate passed H.R. 3796, A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Coastal Heritage Trail Route: Senate passed S. 1016, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey.

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Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site Act: Senate passed S. 1408, to establish the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site.

Pages S11368, S11373–74

Fort Davis National Historic Site Expansion: Senate passed S. 1990, to authorize expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas.

Pages S11368, S11374

Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site: Senate passed S. 2232, to establish the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site in the State of Arkansas, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S11368, S11374–75

National Park Fees: Senate passed S. 1333, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to allow national park units that cannot charge an entrance or admission fee to retain other fees and charges, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S11368, S11375

Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 1665, to reauthorize the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act, after agreeing to committee amendments.

Pages S11368, S11375–76

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Adjustment Act: Senate passed S. 2129, to eliminate restrictions

on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

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Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: Senate passed S. 469, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

Pages S11368, S11376–77

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site: Senate passed S. 2272, to amend the boundaries of Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in the State of Montana.

Pages S11368, S11377

Weir Farm National Historic Site: Senate passed S. 1718, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize the appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

Pages S11368, S11377–78

Arches National Park Expansion Act: Senate passed S. 2106, to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park, Utah, to include portions of certain drainages that are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Seep Draw owned by the State of Utah, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

Pages S11368, S11378–79

Glacier Bay National Park Boundary Adjustment Act: Senate passed H.R. 3903, to provide for an exchange of lands located near Gustavus, Alaska, clearing the measure for the President.

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Gallatin Land Consolidation Act: Senate passed H.R. 3381, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to exchange land and other assets with Big Sky Lumber Co.

Pages S11368, S11379

National Historic Trails Interpretive Center—Wyoming: Senate passed H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Hagel (for Thomas) Amendment No. 3680, to delete concession provisions.

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Land Exchange: Senate passed S. 1719, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to exchange land and other assets with Big Sky Lumber Co, after agreeing to a committee

amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S11379–83

Hagel (for Baucus/Burns) amendment No. 3681, in the nature of a substitute. Page S11381

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act: Senate passed H.R. 1481, to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study, clearing the measure for the President.

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Technical Corrections: Senate passed S. 2469, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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Technical Corrections: Senate passed S. 2470, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S11385

Coastal Barrier Resources System—Map Corrections: Senate passed S. 2474, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to certain maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Coastal Barrier Resources System—Map Corrections: Senate passed S. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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National Motor Vehicle Safety, Anti-theft, Title Reform, and Consumer Protection: Senate passed S. 852, to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, non-repairable, and rebuilt vehicles, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Sessions (for Gorton) Amendment No. 3683, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S11393–94

Sessions (for Levin/Feinstein/Bryan) Amendment No. 3684 (to Amendment No. 3683), to modify certain terms to clarify that certain Federal laws requiring labeling and titling of salvage vehicles do not preempt more stringent State laws. Pages S11393–94

Internet Tax Freedom Act: Senate began consideration of S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction

over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S11305–20, S11324–25

Adopted:

McCain (for Abraham) Amendment No. 3678, to enhance electronic commerce by promoting the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications.

Pages S11324–25

McCain (for Bryan) Amendment No. 3679, to require the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations to protect the privacy of personal information collected from and about children on the Internet, and to provide greater parental control over the collection and use of that information.

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Rejected:

Bumpers Amendment No. 3677, to authorize collection of certain State and local taxes with respect to the sale, delivery, and use of tangible personal property. (By 66 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 296), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S11308–18

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, October 6, 1998.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 68 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 295 EX), Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Pages S11310–11, S11399

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Maria Borrero, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office for Victims of Crime.

Dana Bruce Covington, Sr., of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2004.

Edward Jay Gleiman, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2004.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on Calendar:

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Executive Reports of Committees:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

Pages S11357–68

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—296)

Pages S11311, S11318

Recess: Senate convened at 9:29 a.m., and recessed at 4:57 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, October 5, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11386.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Defense ballistic missile defense programs and policies, after receiving testimony from John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Greta Joy Dicus, of New Hampshire, and Jeffrey S. Merrifield, of New Hampshire, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission;

H.R. 81, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse";

H.R. 2225, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed on Las Vegas Boulevard between Bridger Avenue and Clark Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

H.R. 2379, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

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H.R. 3982, to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building";

H.R. 4595, to redesignate a Federal building located in Washington, D.C., as the "Sidney R. Yates Federal Building"; and

H.R. 2863, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify restrictions under that Act on baiting, to facilitate acquisition of migratory bird habitat, with amendments.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of C. Donald Johnson, Jr., of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Chief Textile Negotiator, and Frank E. Loy, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Global Affairs, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Johnson was introduced by Senator Cleland, and Mr. Loy was introduced by Senator Chafee.

CAMBODIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine recent developments in Cambodia, focusing on United States policy options during the post-election situation, after receiving testimony from Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Naranhkiri Tith, World Cambodian Congress, Lorne W. Craner, International Republican Institute, and Frederick Z. Brown, School of Advanced International Studies/Johns Hopkins University, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of John U. Sepulveda, of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Joseph Swerdzewski, of Colorado, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Sepulveda was introduced by Senators Dodd and Lieberman and Representative DeLauro, and Mr. Swerdzewski was introduced by Representative Forbes.

INTERNATIONAL ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings to examine the state of international antitrust cooperation and enforcement, and certain United States agreements designed to increase cooperation among international antitrust authorities to help offset anti-competitive business practices abroad which make it difficult for American industries to succeed in foreign markets, and a related

measure S. 2252, to amend the Sherman and Federal Trade Commission Acts to apply their antitrust provisions to export trade, or methods of unfair competition, between a U.S. person and a foreign country, only for injury to export business in the United States and without regard to the effect of specified conduct on U.S. consumers, after receiving testimony from Joel I. Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Andrew B. Steinberg, Sabre Group, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; William F. Madison, Marathon Oil Company, Houston, Texas; and Peter S. Walters, Guardian Industries Corporation, Auburn Hills, Michigan.

Y2K EMERGENCY PLANNING

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee held hearings to examine the readiness and ability of Federal, State, and local governments to continue to provide vital emergency services related to the Year 2000, and the role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in coordinating the Federal Response Plan, including threats to certain

public safety communication links and other information technology, receiving testimony from John A. Koskinen, Chairman, President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion; Lacy Suiter, Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt, Salt Lake City; Maj. Gen. Edward J. Philbin ANGUS (Ret.), on behalf of the National Guard Association of the United States; John Thomas Flynn, Sacramento, California, on behalf of the National Association of State Information Resources Executives; Ellen Gordon, National Emergency Management Association, Lexington, Kentucky; Bruce Romer, Montgomery County, Maryland, on behalf of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the National Association of Counties; John S. Powell, University of California Police Department, Berkeley, on behalf of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officers; and Bob Cass, Lubbock, Texas.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, October 7.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4679–4693; 2 private bills, H.R. 4694–4695; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 332–333, and H. Res. 568–571 were introduced.

Pages H9344–45

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–763);

H. Res. 567, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Res. 105–764);

H.R. 1833, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further Self-Governance by Indian Tribes, amended (H. Rept. 105–765);

H.R. 3972, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from charging State and local government agencies for certain uses of the sand, gravel, and shell re-

sources of the outer Continental Shelf (H. Rept. 105–766);

S. 1693, to provide for improved management and increased accountability for certain National Park Service programs, amended (H. Rept. 105–767);

H.R. 3844, to promote and enhance public safety through use of 9–1–1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9–1–1 service, support of States in upgrading 9–1–1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous and reliable networks for personal wireless services, and ensuring access to Federal Government property for such networks, amended (H. Rept. 105–768, part 1); and

Pages H9288–H9314, H9344

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Thursday, October 1 by a recorded vote of 346 ayes to 60 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 477.

Pages H9279, H9314–15

Recess: The House recessed at 9:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

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Labor, HHS Appropriations: The House agreed to H. Res. 564, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4274, making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 1999, by a ye and nay vote of 216 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 476.

Pages H9280–82, H9314

Re-referral of a Bill: H.R. 4614, to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in New Castle, New Hampshire, to the town of New Castle, New Hampshire, and to require the release of certain restrictions with respect to land in such town was re-referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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Agriculture Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a ye and nay vote of 333 yeas to 53 nays, Roll No. 479.

Pages H9317–35

Rejected the Pomeroy motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to increase the assistance available to family farmers suffering economic loss as a result of record low prices, deteriorating market conditions and/or natural disasters, to take into account the almost 50% drop in real income that has occurred in some farming sectors since 1980; and to limit such assistance to individuals actively engaged in farming, by a ye and nay vote of 156 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 478.

Pages H9334–35

H. Res. 567, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill, was agreed to by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 551 was laid on the table.

Pages H9315–17

Late Report: Agreed that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight on October 2 to file a conference report on H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

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Legislative Program: The Chief Deputy Whip announced the Legislative Program for the week of October 5.

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Meeting Hour—Oct. 5: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5, for morning hour debate.

Pages H9336–37

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of October 7.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H9279.

Referral: S.J. Res. 58, recognizing the accomplishments of Inspectors General since their creation in

1978 in preventing and detecting waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and in promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9314, H9315, H9334–35, and H9335. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Energy Security: What Will The New Millennium Bring? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Robert Gee, Assistant Secretary, Political International Affairs; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; and Cecile Warner, National Renewable Energy Laboratory; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE CHOICE PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on The Medicare Choice Program After One Year. Testimony was heard from Mike Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

IMPORTED DRUGS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Imported Drugs: U.S.—EU (European Union) Mutual Recognition Agreement on Drug Inspections. Testimony was heard from Ralph Ives, Deputy Assistant Trade Representative, Europe and the Mediterranean; Charles Ludolph, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Europe, Department of Commerce; and Sharon Smith Holston, Deputy Commissioner, External Affairs, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

DC's YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE CHALLENGES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on the District of Columbia's Year 2000 Compliance Challenges. Testimony was heard from Jack Brock, Director, Information Management

Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Constance Newman, Vice-Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; and the following officials of the District of Columbia: Camille Barnett, Chief Management Officer; and Suzanne Peck, Chief Technology Officer.

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Combating Terrorism: The Status of the Defense Department Domestic Preparedness Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO: Richard Davis, Director, National Security Analysis; and Davi D'Agostino, Assistant Director, National Security Analysis; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Robert M. Blitzer, Section Chief, Domestic Terrorism/Counterterrorism Planning Section, National Security Division, FBI; and Michael J. Dalich, Chief of Staff, Office of Justice Programs; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles L. Cragin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; and James Q. Roberts, Principal Director, Policy and Missions, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; and Robert Knouss, Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness, Department of Health and Human Services.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Met and approved pending Committee business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 4660, amended, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide rewards for information leading to the arrest or conviction of any individual for the commission of an act, or conspiracy to act, of international terrorism, narcotics related offenses, or for serious violations of international humanitarian law relating to the Former Yugoslavia; H.R. 4655, amended, Iraq Liberation Act of 1998; H.R. 4506, amended, International Child Labor Relief Act of 1998; H. Res. 523, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist bombing of the United States Embassies in East Africa; H. Con. Res. 295, expressing the sense of Congress that the 65th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932–1933 should serve as a reminder of the brutality of the government of the former Soviet

Union's repressive policies toward the Ukrainian people; H. Con. Res. 309, amended, condemning the forced abduction of Ugandan children and their use as soldiers; H. Con. Res. 320, amended, supporting the Baltic people of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and condemning the Nazi-Soviet Pact of Non-Aggression of August 23, 1939; H. Con. Res. 331, expressing the sense of the Congress concerning the inadequacy of sewage infrastructure facilities in Tijuana, Mexico; H. Res. 518, amended, calling for free and transparent elections in Gabon; H. Res. 533, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the culpability of Hun Sen for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in Cambodia (the former Kampuchea, and the State of Cambodia); H. Res. 562, concerning properties wrongfully expropriated by formerly totalitarian governments; and H. Res. 557, expressing support for U.S. efforts to identify Holocaust-era assets, urging the restitution of individual and communal property.

POW/MIA OVERSIGHT

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on POW/MIA oversight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy; Robert L. Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary, POW/MIA Affairs; and Lt. Col. John Kelly, USA, former Commander, Detachment 2, Joint Task Force-Full Accounting; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule also provides that H. Res. 551 is laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen, Smith of Oregon and Kaptur.

OVERSIGHT—LA NINA WINTER WEATHER

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held an oversight hearing on Here Comes La Nina: What to Expect from the Weather in the Winter of 1998–99. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and

Atmosphere, and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; I. Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA; and a public witness.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES RELATED TO Y2K PROBLEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing to review transportation and infrastructure issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem Y2K: Will We Get There on Time? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Donald Itzkoff, Department Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Lee Gardner, Director, Office of Economics, Surface Transportation Board and Nuria Fernandez, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Robert Rose, Chief Information Officer, Railroad Retirement Board; Peter Benjamin, Assistant General Manager, Finance and Program Development, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and Robert Hayward, Director, Management and Information Systems, Metropolitan Transit Authority, Harris County, Texas.

Hearings continue October 6th.

FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE REFORM ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on H.R. 4034, Federal Protective Service Reform Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and public witnesses.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China: Met in executive session to continue to receive briefings.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for September, receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year end-

ing September 30, 1999, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

Conferees on Thursday, October 1, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 5 through 10, 1998 Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act, at 5:30 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on S. 442, Internet Tax Freedom Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider further appropriations bills, and any legislative or executive items cleared for action, including conference reports, when available.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday*, October 6, 1998, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: October 6, to hold hearings on the worldwide threats facing the United States and potential United States operational and contingency requirements, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 6, to hold hearings on S. 2178, proposed Children's Development Commission Act, 11 a.m., SD-538.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Ira G. Peppercorn, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 6, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 6, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property,

and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on S. 1097, to reduce acid deposition under the Clean Air Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Isadore Rosenthal, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and William Clifford Smith, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

October 8, Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife, to hold oversight hearings on scientific and engineering issues relating to Columbia/Snake River system salmon recovery, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 5, to hold closed hearings to examine START Treaty compliance issues, 2 p.m., SH-219.

October 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the ballistic missile threat to the United States, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of William B. Bader, of New Jersey, to be Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Information Agency, Harold Hongju Koh, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, and C. David Welch, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 8, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine recent events in Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: October 6, to hold hearings on the nomination of Sylvia M. Mathews, of West Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

October 6, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Coal Act, 2 p.m., SD-342.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Dana Bruce Covington, Sr., of Mississippi, and Edward Jay Gleiman, of Maryland, each to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 7, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the implications of military adultery standards, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 5, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine certain national security considerations in asylum applications, 2 p.m., SD-226.

October 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 9 a.m., SD-226.

October 7, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the implementation of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 6, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs

on the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: October 7, to hold hearings to examine information technology readiness of general business services for the Year 2000, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

House Chamber

Monday, Consideration of Suspensions.

NOTE: No votes are expected before 5 p.m.

Tuesday and the Balance of the Week, Consideration of the Conference report on H.R. 3694, Intelligence Authorization;

Consideration of H.R. 4274, Labor, HHS Appropriations Act (open rule);

Consideration of H.R. 4570, Omnibus National Parks and Public Lands Act (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 3789, Class Action Jurisdiction Act (open rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 4259, Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Administrative Systems Act (subject to a rule).

NOTE: Conference reports may be brought up at any time.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 7, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review H.R. 4128, to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act to ensure that States and local governments can quickly and safely remove flood debris so as to reduce the risk and severity of subsequent flooding, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

October 8, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on current U.S. trade issues with Canada, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

October 8, Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing on Review of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's FY 2000 Budget and Annual Performance Plan, 9 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, October 8, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Will Jumbo Euro Notes Threaten the Greenback?, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, October 5, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Abuses of the Medicare Partial Hospitalization Benefit at Community Mental Health Centers, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 5, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 4067, Public Broadcasting Reform Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 6, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on The Kyoto Protocol: The Outlook for Buenos Aires and Beyond, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to consider the authorization of subpoenas with regard to the ongoing Portals investigation and other pending Committee business, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 6 and 9, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the circumstances surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, including the efforts of Franklin L. Haney and his representatives with respect to this matter and the circumstances surrounding the payment of fees to those representatives, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn on October 6 and 2123 Rayburn on October 9.

October 7, full committee, hearing on the Implementation of the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Implementation of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on A Review of the Department of Energy's Hanford Radioactive Tank Waste Privatization Contract, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Efforts to Settle the Teamsters' strike at Diamond Walnut Growers, Ind., 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Year 2000 Problem at the Department of Education, Part II, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, October 9, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on Will the Administration Implement the Kyoto Protocol Through the Back Door? 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, October 7, hearing on Developments in Europe, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 7, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, oversight hearing on Ex-Im Bank, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 8, full committee, hearing on Assessing the Administration's Foreign Policy: The Record After Six Years, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 5, executive, to consider the following: Presentation by Inquiry Staff; a resolution to authorize an investigation as to whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its constitutional power to impeach William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States; and Committee Impeachment Inquiry Procedures, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, October 6, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the Department of Energy's Foreign Visitor Program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 7, full committee, hearing on the state of U.S. military forces and their ability to execute the National military strategy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Department of Defense modernization, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on Navy ship donation procedures, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, October 6, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 4119, Tohono O'odham Religious Area Restoration Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 7, full committee, hearing on H.R. 2822, Swan Creek Black River Confederated Ojibwa Tribes of Michigan Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, October 5, to consider the following: H.R. 4570, Omnibus National Parks and Public Lands Act of 1998; the conference report to accompany H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999; and H.R. 4259, Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Administrative Systems Act of 1998, 5:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, October 6, Subcommittee on Basic Research, oversight hearing on High Performance Computing, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 7, full committee, oversight hearing on the International Space Station, The Administration's Proposed Bail-Out for Russia, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 7, Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Technology, joint oversight hearing on Transferring the Domain Name System to the Private Sector: Private Sector Implementation of the Administration's Internet "White Paper", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 8, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on the Fastener Quality Act: Needed or Outdated?, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 9, full committee, oversight hearing on The Road from Kyoto—Part 4: The Kyoto Protocol's Impacts on U.S. Energy Markets and Economic Activity, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 6 and 7, to continue hearings to review Transportation and Infrastructure Issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem "Y2K: Will We Get There On Time?" 10 a.m., on October 6 and 9:30 a.m., on October 7, 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: October 7, to hold hearings on proposals to stabilize the international economy, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.

Joint hearing: October 6, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Monday, October 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, October 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate may consider the conference report on H.R. 4101, Agriculture Appropriations, 1999, S. 442, Internet Tax Freedom Act, or any legislative or executive items cleared for action.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 10, Financial Services Act.

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